Sl. No.	States/UTs	Houseless population
30.	Tamil Nadu	86472
31.	Tripura	857
32.	Uttar Pradesh	201029
33.	Uttaranchal	14703
34.	West Bengal	110535
	TOTAL	1943476

Decline in utilization of funds for schemes for dalits

1823. SHRI EKANATH K. THAKUR: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Central and State Governments spend crores of rupees for providing loans, training and creating jobs for dalits, but it is observed by the National Institute of Financial Management that most of these agencies have parked their funds in fixed deposits, instead of giving loans to needy dalits;

(b) whether it is also a fact that in the past decade, the Central Government spending on welfare of SCs, STs and OBCs declined from a tiny 0.005 percentage of the total non-Plan revenue expenditure to 0.004 per cent; and

(c) if so, the reasons therefor and the action proposed to be taken to increase the spending?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (SHRIMATI SUBBULAKSHMI JAGADEESAN): (a) to (c) As per beneficiary-wise utilization certificates received from State Channelising Agencies (SCAs), the cumulative utilization of National Scheduled Castes Finance & Develoment Corporation (NSFDC) funds has been 90.05% as on 31.3.2006. As per the lending policy of NSFDC, funds released to SCAs are to be utilized by SCAs within 90 days from the date of release. The funds not utilized by the SCAs within 90 days from the date of release attracts higher rate of interest @ 4% over and above the normal rate of interest for the entire period.

In the Ninth and Tenth Plan period, NSFDC has disbursed funds, Rs. 1366.14 crore as against the equity support of Rs. 246.03 crore during this period.

Schemes for SCs and STs

†1824. SHRI RAM JETHMALANI:
SHRI RAJ MOHINDER SINGH MAJITHA:

Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that several schemes for welfare of SCs and STs in the country have been implemented by Government;

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.